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S - The Secretary

U - The Under Secretary

I should like to go on record as endorsing wholeheartedly the recommendation of Assistant Secretary Russell in his memorandum of December 29 insofar as it refers to the principle of integrating research and intelligence in the geographic Offices.

I am strongly of the opinion that the research intelligence activities of the Department in order to be of real value and to avoid costly and confusing duplication must be continued in, expanded, and integrated organizationally with the operations of the geographic Offices of the Department. This view is shared by Mr. Dunn and by all of the geographic Office Directors. Any other arrangement would I believe result in chaos.

Alternatives 2 (which Mr. Russell recommends) and 4 are identical insofar as accepting the fundamental principle of integration in the geographic Offices. While I should much prefer to have such integration effective at once (alternative 4) rather than three months hence (alternative 2 which Mr. Russell recommends because of space limitations in the Department building) I am prepared to support alternative 2 on the understanding that the personnel proposed will be selected in agreement between the Office of the Special Assistant for Research and Intelligence on the one side, and Mr. Dunn and me together with the four geographic Office Directors on the other.

With respect to the Office of Intelligence Collection and Dissemination, I should like to point out that this part of Colonel McCormack's project was not fully discussed at the meeting on December 28.

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